

## Sleep, Little Baby, I Love Thee

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**Sleep, little baby, I love thee;**  
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Sleep, little king, I am bending above thee!  
How should I know what to sing  
Here in my arms as I sing thee to sleep?  
Hushaby low, rockaby so.  
Kings may have wonderful jewels to bring,  
Mother has only a kiss for her king!  
Why should my singing so make me to weep?  
Only to know that I love thee, I love thee,  
Love thee, my little one, sleep.

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